

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, LR 24CA would be a constitutional amendment that would allow the people of the state to vote on whether or not they would like to see a state lottery enacted. So what it would do is just to submit to the voters in the 1992 general election a proposal to amend the Constitution, to provide the Legislature with specific authority to establish a state operated and required...regulated, excuse me, lottery and with the proceeds then being appropriated for the establishment and maintenance of the lottery as the Legislature directs. That's basically what it would do. It would affect Article III, Section 24. The language in it, as far as the operation and the regulation of the State of Nebraska is very specific. The language is permissive and leaves it to the discretion of the Legislature, as I said, the types of games that would be conducted. I'm just going to give that as a basic beginning because I know we have a number of amendments but I wanted to make sure you all knew this is what we're on right now. And I suppose the next thing we'll be doing is progressing to the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: You have an amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith would move to amend. Senator, I have AM1204 in front of me.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, this is the same amendment that I offered in committee to the committee members and which was, I will be very up front with you, voted down by a vote of six to two. So I'm not...I'm pretty shaky on whether or not this is going to go anywhere on the floor but I felt obligated as far as my own personal convictions are concerned to offer this amendment again to those members on the floor. This is an amendment to 24CA which would prohibit any lottery game which permits or requires player interaction with a mechanical electrical, mechanical electronic or video device capable of awarding something of value or free games or credits redeemable for something of value which, in effect, means that it would preclude the operation of a video lottery as a part of a state run regulated and operated lottery.